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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

AMEMB FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI'S PARTY AND AMBASSADODR WOODCOCK

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SUBJ: UPI EDITORS: PUBLISHERS MEETING WITH TENG HSIAO PING

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1. UPI EDITORS/PUBLISHERS DELEGATION MET WITH PRC PARTY  
VICE CHAIRMAN/STATE COUNCIL VIVCE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING  
ON MORNING OF MAY 19. UPI BOARD EDITOR-IN-CHIEF H.L. STEVENSON  
PROVIDED READOUT TO USLO ON HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING (WHICH HE  
HAS FILED BY TELEPHONE TO PAPERS IN US) AND OTHER DELEGATION  
MEMBERS FILLED IN DETAILS AND ATMOSHPERIS AS FOLLOWS:
2. US AND TAIWAN. TENG TOOK THE STANDARD PRC POSITION ON  
THE TAIWAN QUESTION, SIMPLY STATING THE THREE PRC CONDITIONS AND  
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REFUSING TO BE DRAWN INTO A DISCUSSION OF CONTEMPLATED  
PRC POST-NORMALIZATION POICY VIS-A-VIS TAIWAN. HE DISMISSED  
ALL QUESTIONS OF THIS GENRE WITH THE USUAL STATEMENT THAT  
MANNER AND TIMING OF LIBERATION OF TAIWAN ARE INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
OF THE PRC. TENG DID NOT PRESENT TAIWAN AS A SERIOUS ISSUE  
BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC.

3. US AND GLOBAL POLITICAL REANA. TENG EXPECTELY PORTRAYED THE US AS A DECLINING SUPERPOWER, HESITANT ABOUT TAKING THEP INITIATIVE TO COUNTER SOVIET EXPANSIONISM, AND GUILTY OF A POLICY OF "BENIGN NEGLECT" TOWARD SOVIET ANDCUBAN ACTIONS IN AFRICA. TENG CITED ZAIRE AS THE MOST RECENT INSTANCE OF SOVIET/CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA, BUT FAILED TO COMMENT ON THE US POSTURE THERE. AT ONE POINT THE DELEGATION MEMBERS INTERPRETED TENG'S REMARKS TO IMPLY THAT THE PRC FAVORED SOME TYPE OF US RETALIATORY MOVE AGAINST CUBA AND IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS REMARK WAS NOT AMPLIFIED, HOWEVER, AND TENG WITHDREW FROM FURTHER QUESTIONING IN JOCULAR MANNER.

4. POSSIBILITY OF PRC VISIT BY PRESIDENT CARTER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY DELEGATION MEMBERS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRE-NORMALIZATION VISIT TO CHINA BY PRESIDENT CARTER, TENG INDICATED THAT THE PRC WOULD WELCOME PRESIDENT CARTER NO MATTER WHAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DICSUSS OR DECIDE. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH USLO WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING AND HAS NOT HAD ACCESS TO NOTES TAKEN BY DELEGATION MEMBERS, TENG'S REMARK -- IF REPORTED ACCURATELY -- IS REMINISCENT OF THE OPEN-ENDED INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT NIXON THROUGH EDGAR SNOW AND TO PRESIDENT FORD).

5. PRC VIEWS OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS. DELEGATION MEMGERS  
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COMMENTED THAT TENG VOLUNTEERED A NEGATIVE APPRAISAL OF BOTH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARY VANCE. THIS ELEMENT OF TENG'S MONOLGUE WILL BE ADDRESSED IN EDDITOR-IN-CHIEF STEVENSON'S ACCOUNT OF MEETING. TENG APPARENTLY SIDESTEPPED ALLQUESTIONS CONCERNING DR BRZEZINSK AND HIS VISIT -- ALTHOUGH DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE FILLING THEIR PIECES AS STAGE-SETTERS FOR THE VISIT.

6. TENG ON THE USSR. TENG TOOK THE USUAL SWIPES AT THE SOVIET UNION AND STRESSED THE INEVITABILITY OF WARFARE BREAKING OUT BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS. HE APPARENTLY DID NOT ADDRESS THE CHINESE PERCEPTION OF THE SOVIET THREAT TO CHINA AND HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY INFORMATION ON THE MAY 9 BORDER CONFLICT ALONG THE USSURI. DELEGATION MEMBERS DID NOT PRESS QUESTIONING ON THIS POINT SINCE THEY HAD BEEN ADVISED BEFOREHAND THAT NCNA COVERAGE IN PEOPLE'S DAILY WAS COMPLETE AND AUTHORITATIVE. (NCNA IS THE HOST ORGANIZATION FOR THE DELEPTION.)

7. TENG ON THE SENKAKUS/TIAO YU INCIDENT. DEG SAID NOTHING IN HIS OPENING MONOLOGUE ABOUT THE PRC-JAPANESE

DISPUTE OVER THE SNENKAKUS. UNDER QUESTIONING TENG MERELY  
AFFIRMED THAT THE PRC REGARDS THE ISLANDS (TIAO YU ISLANDS  
TO THE CHINESE) AS ITS SOVEREIGN TERRITORY.

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8. AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN PEKING. NEITHER TENG NOR NCNA  
OFFICIALS GAVE THE DELEGATION ANY ENCOURAGEMENT THAT AMERICAN  
JOURNALISTS MIGHT BE ACCREDITED IN PEKING OR THE PRC  
PRIOR TO US-PRC NORMALIZATION.

9. ATMOSPHERICS. TENG CAME ACROSS TO DELEGATION MEMBERS  
AS BOUNCY AND JOCKULAR, APPEARING MUCH YOUNGER THAN HIS  
74 YEARS.  
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10. THE DELEGATION WILL DEPART PEKING FOR SHANGHAI ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 21. FROM THERE IT WILL FLY TO CHUNGKING,  
SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS THERE, AND TAKE THE YANGTZE GORGE  
BOAT TRIP TO WUHAN.  
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